



In front, from left, Mid-State Technical College Criminal Justice-Studies student and 2024 WTCS Student Ambassador Dylan Saylor with Mid-State President Shelly Mondeik at the April 18 formal dinner honoring the 2024 Student Ambassadors. Also pictured from Mid-State, board member and secretary Betty Bruski Mallek, Student Life Manager Natasha Miller, Dean of Student Success Stephanie Bender, Associate Dean of the School of Public Safety Rick Anderson, Vice President of Academics Chris Severson, board member and treasurer Chuck Spargo, Vice President of Student Services and Enrollment Management Mandy Lang and Student Life and Equity Retention Specialist Vikram Gill. **Submitted photo**

AMBASSADOR from page 5

Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy for the hands-on training needed to become a certified law enforcement officer in Wisconsin. In the meantime he is already working with Wood County as a part-time deputy on the reserve team.

"My experience at Mid-State has been fantastic," he said, pointing to the extracurriculars he found himself making time for. "This college has a wonderful culture of people, from teenagers straight out of high school to adults coming back to pursue their education. At Mid-State, everyone has a place."

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Journey Over The Destination

Dear Reader,

Recently I reread a poem entitled "Ithaca" by the Greek writer P.J. Cavafy. He writes about traveling to the island of Ithaca which was made famous by Homer's Odyssey. He describes the journey as something magical, something that conjures up adventures beyond the body... perhaps to the soul.



"...Hope your road is a long one, full of adventure, full of discovery.

"...Hope your road is a long one, May there be many summer mornings when, with what pleasure, what joy, you are entering harbors you are seeing for the first time;

... But don't hurry the journey at all. Better that it lasts for years, so you're old by the time you reach the island, wealthy with all you gained on the way, not expecting Ithaca to make you rich.

Ithaca gave you the marvelous journey. Without her you wouldn't have set out. She has nothing left to give you now. ...Wise as you will have become, so full of experience, you'll have understood by then what these Ithacas mean."

The message is the importance of the journey over the destination. We don't normally see it that way because we are always striving apart from the day at hand, looking beyond the corners to where we are headed. Perhaps we need to pause and ponder the here, here, not the there, over there.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

Community Calendar



To submit calendar events, please email information to entertainment@mmlocal.com

BAR BEATS

The Swing Doctors • Thursday, 5/9, Bullseye Golf Club, Wisconsin Rapids. 16-piece jazz/swing. 7 pm. 715-423-2230

ON STAGE

Pete Revelle & 4 on the Floor • Thurs. 5/2, Central Wisconsin Cultural Center, 2651 8th St, S, Wisconsin Rapids. Jazz. Starts at 2 pm. Free admission. <https://culturalcenterarts.com>

Pete Revelle & 4 on the Floor • Thurs. 5/16, Central Wisconsin Cultural Center, 2651 8th St, S, Wisconsin Rapids. Jazz. Starts at 2 pm. Free admission. <https://culturalcenterarts.com>

EVENTS

Wisconsin Rapids Area Retired Educators Association Meeting • Mon. 5/6, Bullseye Golf Club Restaurant, Wisconsin Rapids. Entertainment by the WR High School Choir. Monetary donations to Wood County Zoo. Reservations due by 4/27. Starts at 11:30 am. \$20 for lunch. 715-887-3448 to RSVP

Christian Women's Connection Ladies Brunch • Tues. 5/14, Bullseye Golf Club, Wisconsin Rapids. Heidi Studer-Elder from Dent, MN will share on the topic "Let's Go on a Treasure Hunt-Discovering What Really Matters in Life". Vicky Dresser will provide a special musical presentation. Starts at 9:30 am. \$20 includes meal, tip and program. 815-994-1317 or 701-741-5905 for reservations by 5/9

Veterans Expo & Pact Act Event • Wed. 6/26, hosted by the Tomah VA Medical Center & Wood County Veterans Service Office at Crossview Plaza, 1000 E. Riverview Expressway, Wisconsin Rapids. Learn about important resources to Veterans. At the Town Hall meeting, veterans can learn about important topics, updates about Tomah VA & ask questions. Expo starts at 9 am. Town Hall meeting starts at 11 am. Tomah.VAMedicalCenter@va.gov if you have questions or topics you want covered

OUTDOORS

Wisconsin Valley Golf Association Tournament • Sun. 5/5, Bullseye Golf Club, Wisconsin Rapids. Individual stroke golf tournament open to those who enjoy golf. Starts at 9 am. \$55. wivalleygolf.org

ONGOING

Winter Market • Saturdays 1/6-5/18, Wisconsin Rapids Moravian Church, 310 First Ave S, Wisconsin Rapids. Vendors will be selling crafts, produce, eggs, bakery, cider, honey, spices, tamales, & fry pies. Closed Easter Weekend. Starts at 9 am. <http://www.wrmoravian.org/>

ARTS/EXHIBITS

The Alexander House • Open Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1131, Wisconsin River Drive, Port Edwards. Art gallery and historical museum with a focus on lumbering and papermaking exhibits. Opens 1-4 pm. <http://alexanderhouseonline.org/>

Central Wisconsin Cultural Center • Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 2651 8th St S, Wisconsin Rapids. Open from 10 am-5 pm. Free admission. <http://www.culturalcenterarts.com/index.html>

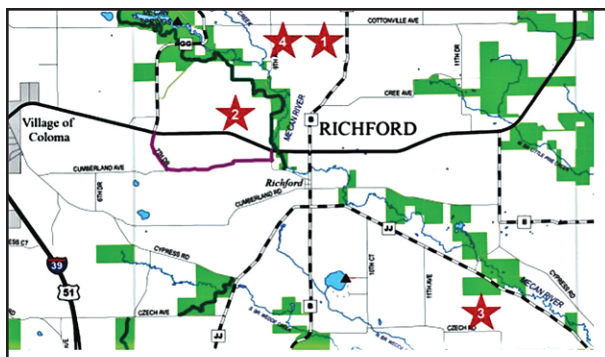
South Wood County Historical Museum • Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 540 3rd St. S, Wisconsin Rapids. Open from 10 am-3 pm. Exhibitions closed, office & archives are open. <http://www.swch-museum.com/>

LIFELINES

Blood Drive • Thurs. 5/9, ODC Inc, 1191 Huntington Ave, Wisconsin Rapids. Starts at 10 am. redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive • Wed. 5/22, McMillan Library, 490 E Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids. Starts at 10 am. redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive • Thurs. 5/23, Trinity Lutheran Church, 990 3rd St, Port Edwards. Starts at 12 pm. redcrossblood.org



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